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Cacioppo's research is focused on understanding the causes and effects of social isolation. Social species, by definition, form organizations that extend beyond the individual. These structures evolved hand in hand with behavioral, neural, hormonal, cellular, and genetic mechanisms to support them because the consequent social behaviors helped these organisms survive, reproduce, and care for offspring sufficiently long that they too reproduced, thereby ensuring their genetic legacy. Social isolation represents a lens through which to investigate these behavioral, neural, hormonal, cellular, and genetic mechanisms. Evidence from human and nonhuman animal studies indicates that isolation heightens sensitivity to social threats (predator evasion) and motivates the renewal of social connections. The effects of perceived isolation in humans share much in common with the effects of experimental manipulations of isolation in nonhuman social species: increased tonic sympathetic tonus and HPA activation, and decreased inflammatory control, immunity, sleep salubrity, and expression of genes regulating glucocorticoid responses. Together, these effects contribute to higher rates of morbidity and mortality in older adults.

Among the awards he has received are the Scientific Impact Award from the Society for Experimental Social Psychology (2009), the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Ohio State University Department of Psychology (2009), the Presidential Citation from the American Psychological Association (2008), the Theoretical Innovation Prize from the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (2008), the Award for Distinguished Service on Behalf of Personality and Social Psychology from the Society of Personality and Social Psychology (2008), the Distinguished Member Award from Psi Chi (2006), an Honorary Doctor of Science Degree from Bard College (May, 2004), the Patricia R. Barchas Award from the American Psychosomatic Society (2004), the "ISI Highly Cited Researchers" in Psychiatry/Psychology (2003 - present), the Distinguished Scientific Contribution Award from the American Psychological Association (2002), the Campbell Award (for Distinguished Scientific Contributions to Personality and Social Psychology) from the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (2000), the Award for Distinguished Scientific Contributions to Psychophysiology from the Society for Psychophysiological Research (2000), the Distinguished Scholar Award from the Ohio State

University (1996), and the Troland Research Award from the National Academy of Sciences (1989).

He is a Past-President of the Association for Psychological Science (2007-2008), the Society for Psychophysiological Research (1992-1993), the Society for Consumer Psychology (1989-1990), and the Society of Personality and Social Psychology (1995), and he is currently the Chair of the Psychology Section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the President-Elect of the Society for Social Neuroscience.

He also has been elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Society of Experimental Psychologists, and the *Gesellschaft für Unendliche Versuche*, and he is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Association for Psychological Science (Charter Member), the American Psychological Association (Divisions 1, 3, 6, 8, 23, & 38), the Royal Society of Arts, the American Academy of Behavioral Medicine Research, the Midwestern Psychological Association, the World Innovation Foundation, International Organization of Psychophysiology, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Society of Experimental Psychologists, and Society of Behavioral Medicine. He is either a past or present member of the Board of Directors or Advisory Council/Board of a variety of organizations including the National Advisory Council on Aging of the US Department of Health and Human Services, Association for Psychological Science, Ohio State University Research Foundation, Society for Psychophysiological Research, National Research Council Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences, Federation of Associations in Behavioral and Brain Sciences Foundation, Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology at the University of Illinois, John Templeton Foundation (American Board), Cluster of Excellence "Languages and Emotion" at Free University Berlin (International Board), Health and Retirement Study Data Monitoring Board of the National Institute on Aging, and Society for Personality and Social Psychology.

Cacioppo has served on various journal boards, as well, as is a past Editor of *Psychophysiology*, a former Associate Editor of *Psychological Review* and *Perspectives on Psychological Science*, and is currently an Associate Editor of *Social Neuroscience*. He is also a former member of the MacArthur Foundation Mind-Body Integration Network and is a current member of the MacArthur Foundation Aging Society Network and the Director of the Chicago Social Brain Network.

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